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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	V
In re: 4D FACTORY, INC., et al.,	Chapter 11 (Subchapter V) Case No.: 23-11618 (MEW)
Debtors. 1	(Jointly Administered)
THE 4D FACTORY LLC,	-X
Plaintiff, -against-	Adv. Pro. No. 24-01319 (MEW)
MARK LONG, COLIN FORAN, NAOMI LACKAFF, AARON NONIS, DON NORBURY, MARK YEEND, CALVIN ZHOU, GRIFFIN GAMING PARTNERS II, L.P., GRIFFIN GAMING PARTNERS II SIDE FUND, L.P., POLYCHAIN VENTURES II LP, POLYCHAIN VENTURES II (PARALLEL) LP, PIERRE-EDUOARD PLANCHE, BENJAMIN PERSZYK, JOSH ROSENTHAL,	
Defendants,	AMENDED COMPLAINT
NEON MACHINE, INC., ARGON PROTOCOL FOUNDATION, ARGON ASSET VENTURES CORP.	

Nominal Defendants.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these Chapter 11 Cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtors' federal tax identification number, are 4D Factory Inc. (6770), and The 4D Factory LLC (8935).

1. Plaintiff, The 4D Factory LLC (the "Plaintiff"), as co-debtor and debtor-in-possession with 4D Factory, Inc. (each a "Debtor" and together the "Debtors") in the jointly-administered chapter 11 cases captioned *In re 4D Factory, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 23-11618 (MEW) (the "Chapter 11 Cases"), by and through its counsel, Spence Law Office, P.C., brings this amended complaint (the "Complaint") against (1) Defendants Mark Long, Colin Foran, Naomi Lackaff, Aaron Nonis, Don Norbury, Mark Yeend, Calvin Zhou (collectively, the "Manager Defendants"); (2) Griffin Gaming Partners II, L.P., and Griffin Gaming Partners II Side Fund, L.P. (together, "Griffin") Polychain Ventures II LP and Polychain Ventures II (Parallel) LP (together, "Polychain"), Pierre-Eduoard Planche, Benjamin Perszyk, and Josh Rosenthal (collectively with Griffin and Polychain the "Fund Defendants" and with Manager Defendants, the "Defendants"), and (3) nominal defendants Neon Machine, Inc. ("Neon Machine"), Argon Protocol Foundation ("Argon Foundation") and Argon Asset Ventures Corp. ("Argon Corp.," and together with Argon Foundation and Neon Machine, the "Nominal Defendants") for recovery of Plaintiff's assets that have been unlawfully withheld and/or unlawfully converted by Defendants.

#### Nature of the Complaint

2. Plaintiff filed this Complaint in order to recover the fair end of its bargain with Mr. Long and to recover Plaintiff's property for the benefit of Plaintiff's estate. Plaintiff believed it was engaging with a good-faith business partner in Mr. Long when he sought Plaintiff's financing to get his video game development business, Neon Media, LLC ("Neon Media"), off the ground. Plaintiff was the first to back Mr. Long and his team with millions of dollars with the expectation that they would be collaborative and dependable business partners and, with Plaintiff, would develop a successful company that would be profitable for all involved. Despite Plaintiff being the founding and majority shareholder of Neon Machine, and the first to back Defendants

with millions in capital, expertise, and critical resources in the midst of a global pandemic and taking the greatest risk to bring Manager Defendants' ideas to life, Manager Defendants took everything committed by Plaintiff and then some, and in return, with the aid of Griffin and Polychain, misled and defrauded Plaintiff by breaking every commitment they made before and after formation of Neon Machine, wrote Plaintiff out of the history, executed self-dealing behind Plaintiff's back, and ignored Neon Machine's board of directors (the "Board") for two years to evade its oversight of their actions. Plaintiff is left with no option but to take this adversarial action to recover its property lest the Defendants succeed in ensuring every stakeholder enjoys the value developed in Neon Machine—except Plaintiff, The 4D Factory LLC.

- 3. Plaintiff was willing to continue supporting Mr. Long's artistic vision when he turned his team's primary attention away from finishing their first project, despite the millions of dollars Plaintiff put into its development. And Mr. Long's next pitch sounded promising: a first-person shooter video game called *Shrapnel* that would utilize cryptocurrency as a means of generating added revenue from the game. Mr. Long and his team sold this idea on the promise that Plaintiff, as 60% shareholder of Neon Media, would receive an equivalent share of the *Shrapnel* cryptocurrency (the "SHRAP Token").
- 4. Shrapnel's development began at Neon Media, and its early development was funded by Plaintiff and supported by Plaintiff's management. Plaintiff ultimately agreed to Mr. Long's plans for the game, including the establishment of a new company, Neon Machine, the assignment of the valuable *Shrapnel* intellectual property (the "*Shrapnel* IP")—IP that was created and held at Neon Media and funded by Plaintiff, and which would not exist but for Plaintiff's capital and human resources —from Neon Media to Neon Machine, and outside financing from venture capital firms Griffin and Polychain. Plaintiff was willing to agree to the integrated transaction only based upon Defendants' promises, not to mention the implicit agreement of good

faith and fair dealing, and at a minimum, to (a) maintain Plaintiff's 60% controlling interest and control via a majority on Neon Machine's Board; (b) maintain Plaintiff's right to its *pro rata* share of SHRAP Token; and (c) distribute dividends payable by Neon Machine to Manager Defendants, each among Mr. Long's top officers, to Plaintiff first, until the cash it contributed to Neon Media—at the time more than \$2.3 million—had been paid back.

- 5. Plaintiff did not expect that Manager Defendants would so quickly and thoroughly abuse its trust and abandon their promises, nor that Griffin and Polychain would so readily sabotage a fellow investor in Neon Machine. Immediately after, and in some instances concurrently with making their vital promises and representations to Plaintiff to induce its acceptance of these transactions, Manager Defendants operated in concert to ensure Plaintiff would never receive a dime from Neon Machine, and Fund Defendants worked to ensure Plaintiff's complete shut-out.
- 6. Manager Defendants secretly coordinated a massive giveaway of *more* than one-third of 3 billion total SHRAP Tokens, including more than 550 million tokens to themselves... but none to Plaintiff. This self-dealing giveaway significantly diluted the amount of SHRAP Tokens available for equity. Months later, Manager Defendants claimed suddenly that Plaintiff was only entitled to benefit "theoretically" as a shareholder from Neon Machine's use of SHRAP Tokens and fact owned none of its own. Then Defendants—Mr. Long, and Fund Defendants in particular—further engaged Neon Machine in a series of unauthorized financings with third parties that will ultimately dilute Plaintiff's 60% equity interest (or approximately 39% if Griffin and Polychain's authorized SAFEs converted to preferred equity) to no more than 26%.
- 7. Defendants managed to force these value-destroying transactions past Plaintiff through a campaign of total concealment at Neon Machine. Mr. Long held only two formal Board meetings at Neon Machine over the course of his tenure as a Director and CEO of

the company, at which none of the highly material activities reported herein were noticed or discussed. Instead, Mr. Long, and Fund Defendants secretly held a series of frequent meetings at which certain or all of the material activities detailed herein were agreed to. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff's two Board members at Neon Machine other than Mr. Long himself, who had been entrusted by Plaintiff to sit in one of its Board seats, were excluded from these meetings. None of these secret meetings were valid Board meetings pursuant to Neon Machine's Bylaws (as defined below). Defendants' combined efforts ensured that Plaintiff received virtually no information about the finances and operations of Neon Machine for more than a year and a half.

8. Today, Plaintiff is in bankruptcy managing significant debt it incurred investing in Mr. Long's startup and in both projects he proposed, including the critical resources needed to help Mr. Long get *Shrapnel* off the ground. Meanwhile, after all the support, Defendants have written Plaintiff out of the history of Neon Machine, ignored Plaintiff's status as a founding stakeholder and insider, and now say that Plaintiff is entitled to virtually nothing. Plaintiff has filed this Complaint to recover what it is rightfully owed. As described herein, Plaintiff seeks against Defendants, each individually and collectively: (a) turnover of 480,927,488 SHRAP Tokens which it is entitled to as a Founding Stockholder and as authorized by the Board, or in the alternative; (b) 331,561,208 SHRAP Tokens representing its pro-rata share of the one-time 552 million token distribution the Manager Defendants minority shareholders gave to themselves alone); (c) actual, general, compensatory and consequential damages of no less than \$5 million; (d) punitive and exemplary damages of no less than \$5 million; (e) declaratory relief establishing Plaintiff's rights; (f) reasonable litigation expenses and attorneys' fees; and (g) such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

#### **The Parties**

- 9. Plaintiff The 4D Factory LLC is, and was at all times, a limited liability company formed under the laws of the State of Wyoming. Plaintiff, along with 4D Factory, Inc., are debtors and debtors-in-possession in the jointly-administered cases captioned *In re 4D Factory, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 23-11618 (MEW) brought in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York.
- 10. On information and belief, Defendant Mark Long resides in Seattle, WA. He is a former director and currently suspended CEO of Neon Machine. He is also a minority shareholder in Neon Machine.
- 11. On information and belief, Defendant Colin Foran resides in Seattle, WA.

  He is Chief Creative Officer of Neon Machine. He is also a minority shareholder in Neon Machine.
- 12. On information and belief, Defendant Naomi Lackaff resides in Seattle, WA. Ms. Lackaff is the Head of Partnerships of Neon Machine. She is also a minority shareholder in Neon Machine.
- 13. On information and belief, Defendant Aaron Nonis resides in Seattle, WA.

  Mr. Nonis is the Chief Operating Officer of Neon Machine. He is also a minority shareholder in

  Neon Machine.
- 14. On information and belief, Defendant Don Norbury resides in Seattle, WA.

  Mr. Norbury is the Chief Technical Officer of Neon Machine. He is also a minority shareholder in Neon Machine.
- 15. On information and belief, Defendant Mark Yeend resides in Seattle, WA.

  Mr. Yeend is the Chief Marketing Officer of Neon Machine. He is also a minority shareholder in

  Neon Machine.

- 16. On information and belief, Defendant Calvin Zhou resides in Glendale, CA.

  Mr. Zhou is the Head of Business Development at Neon Machine. He is also a minority shareholder in Neon Machine.
- 17. On information and belief, Defendant Griffin Gaming Partners II, L.P. is a Delaware limited partnership with its principal place of business in Santa Monica, California.
- 18. On information and belief, Defendant Griffin Gaming Partners II Side Fund,
  L.P. is a Delaware limited partnership with its principal place of business in Santa Monica,
  California. All references to Griffin herein shall refer also to Griffin's affiliates and subsidiaries.
- 19. On information and belief, Defendant Polychain Ventures II LP is a Delaware limited partnership with its principal place of business in San Francisco, California.
- 20. On information and belief, Defendant Polychain Ventures II (Parallel) LP is a Delaware limited partnership with its principal place of business in San Francisco, California. All references to Polychain herein shall refer also to Polychain's affiliates and subsidiaries.
- 21. On information and belief, Defendant Pierre-Eduoard Planche is a partner at Griffin and serves as Griffin's director on the Board of Neon Machine.
- 22. On information and belief, Defendant Benjamin Perszyk was a partner at Polychain and served as Polychain's director on the Board of Neon Machine from January 26, 2022 until his resignation on September 11, 2023, and is now an employee at Neon Machine.
- 23. On information and belief, Defendant Josh Rosenthal is a partner at Polychain and began serving as Polychain's director on the Board of Neon Machine upon Mr. Perszyk's resignation.

- 24. Neon Machine is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Seattle, WA. Neon Machine is named in this action because it may hold or control property of the estate which Plaintiff seeks to recover, and therefore its rights are potentially impacted.
- 25. On information and belief, Argon Protocol Foundation ("Argon Foundation") is a Panamanian foundation created by and operated at the direction of Neon Machine. Argon Foundation is named in this action because it may hold or control property of the estate which Plaintiff seeks to recover, and therefore its rights are potentially impacted.
- 26. On information and belief, Argon Asset Ventures Corp. ("Argon Corp.") is a Panamanian corporation created by, and operated at the direction of, Neon Machine. Argon Corp. is named in this action because it may hold or control property of the estate which Plaintiff seeks to recover, and therefore its rights are potentially impacted.
- 27. Andrew Grossman, Esq., a non-party mentioned in this Complaint, resides in Pacific Palisades, CA. Mr. Grossman is Plaintiff's former general counsel and the current general counsel of Neon Machine.
- 28. All references to the "Defendants" herein shall refer to Defendants collectively and individually, unless otherwise noted.

#### **Jurisdiction and Venue**

- 29. This Court has jurisdiction over this adversary proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2). Plaintiff consents to entry of final orders and judgment by the Court.
- 30. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409. The statutory predicates for the relief requested herein are sections 541, 542 and 1107(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 7001.

31. This adversary proceeding is commenced pursuant to Rules 7001(1), 7001(9), and 7003 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules") and sections 541 and 542 of the Bankruptcy Code.

### **Case Background**

- 32. On October 10, 2023 (the "<u>Petition Date</u>"), the Debtors filed voluntary petitions for relief under Subchapter V of chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 33. Plaintiff continues in existence as a debtor-in-possession pursuant to Bankruptcy Code 11 U.S.C. §1184.

#### **Factual Allegations**

#### A. Creation of Neon Machine and the Relationship and Conduct of the Parties.

- 34. In or around March 2020, Mr. Long reached out to Plaintiff seeking funding to launch the business at his new company Neon Media. Neon Media was formed by Mr. Long around that time after he and his team of employees, including the other Manager Defendants, were laid off from HBO, a subsidiary of Warner Brothers Entertainment ("Warner Bros."). Upon information and belief, at all relevant times each Manager Defendant reported directly to Mr. Long on a daily basis. Mr. Long represented to Plaintiff that Neon Media would be able to use brands from Warner Bros. to develop video games, and that Neon Media already secured funding and marketing resources to move forward on such a project.
- 35. On July 20, 2020, Plaintiff and Neon Media entered into an Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Operating Agreement (the "Operating Agreement"), under which Plaintiff would serve as Neon Media's sole Manager and committed to invest \$2,300,000 in total capital contributions as needed, in exchange for 60% equity in the company. Each of Manager Defendants and Plaintiff would constitute "Members" of Neon Media, and entered into

"Membership Agreements," which provided them ownership units in the company. The Membership Agreements specifically laid out that any developed intellectual property, including game designs, game concepts, inventions, and business plans, were property of Neon Media. Plaintiff agreed to the team being granted 40% of the equity units, subject to three-year vesting and Membership Agreements committing their full-time employment to Neon Media, and that any IP created would be Neon Media property.

- 36. Six months after closing on the Operating Agreement, Mr. Long requested that Neon Media immediately begin developing a video game based on *Foundation*, the science fiction book series written by Isaac Asimov, rather than any Warner Bros. brand. Mr. Long informed Plaintiff that Neon Media would need more than \$10 million in additional funding to develop this game, yet no such funding had been secured. On or about February 12, 2021, Plaintiff began funding the budget to produce Foundation, into which it invested over \$4 million to date.
- 37. In March 2021, Plaintiff approved the development of another of Mr. Long's projects at Neon Media, *Shrapnel*, a first-person shooter video game with a cryptocurrency (or "crypto") component. Mr. Long pitched the project to Plaintiff, the sole Manager of Neon Media, on the basis that it would be funded through the issuance of a crypto token, the SHRAP Token, bringing tens of millions in non-dilutive capital into Neon Media. Mr. Long represented at this time to Plaintiff, through Mr. Javarone, that Plaintiff and Manager Defendants would receive a certain amount of SHRAP Tokens, based on and *pro rata* with their respective ownership of Neon Media, of which Plaintiff would receive the largest share due to its 60% ownership.
- 38. In a May 13, 2021 email, Mr. Zhou confirmed to Plaintiff that, due to Plaintiff's equity in Neon Media, it would be entitled to at least 342,222,222 SHRAP Tokens, with a potential cash value of up to approximately \$598 million, and indicated the tokens were to be

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Plaintiff's property, labeling them "4D Token" (not "Treasury token" or any other categorization.) In addition to showing the amount and projected values at different prices of Plaintiff's total holdings, the table shows the "Per Month (24 Month Vesting in \$m)" value that will become available to Plaintiff every month. This indicates the amount releasing from lockup monthly, which would only be possible with accessible SHRAP tokens delivered to Plaintiff's wallet. On May 22, 2021, Mr. Zhou emailed Plaintiff with a capitalization table repeating the 342,222,222 SHRAP Tokens number. Mr. Zhou's communications and attachments to same are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

- 39. Throughout Spring and Summer of 2021, Mr. Zhou advised Mr. Javarone that additional SHRAP Tokens would be made available for purchase by investors. Plaintiff indicated its interest in purchasing additional tokens. However, Mr. Zhou questioned why Plaintiff would want to purchase additional SHRAP Tokens when it was being granted so many already. When a massive token give-away to Defendants was executed later, and a separate "private sale" was conducted, Defendants never informed Plaintiff nor offered SHRAP Tokens to Plaintiff.
- 40. In or about June 2021, Manager Defendants drafted a marketing presentation (the "June 2021 Deck") that proposed a high-level breakdown of the SHRAP "tokenomics." The June 2021 Deck specifically described a "Shrapnel Treasury," which would consist of tokens allocated to development costs and a rewards program. Manager Defendants did not represent to Plaintiff at this time or at any other time prior to February 2022 that any of its rights to SHRAP Tokens would fall into this category.
- 41. In an email on August 4, 2021, Mr. Long predicted in a chart tracking comparable tokens in other blockchain games that the SHRAP Token could have a \$200 million fully-diluted market capitalization at listing, based on a price of \$0.06667 per token.

- 42. While the original intent was for *Shrapnel* to be developed at Neon Media, in August 2021, Mr. Long sought to create a separate entity to develop the *Shrapnel* project. Upon information and belief, in mid-August 2021, Mr. Long approached Plaintiff's then-Chairman, Jonathan Miller, to make this proposal. Mr. Long pitched to Mr. Miller that the equity and control of this new entity, Neon Machine, would mirror Neon Media's control and economics (in which Plaintiff held 60% equity and served as sole Manager of the company). Mr. Long represented that the sale of SHRAP Tokens would fund Neon Machine, and if any additional financing were needed, he would refer any interested parties to Plaintiff to negotiate deal terms.
- 43. Upon information and belief, Mr. Miller told Mr. Long that Plaintiff could approve the structure provided that Neon Machine was treated like a "controlled subsidiary" of Plaintiff. Plaintiff agreed to the creation of Neon Machine contingent on this control arrangement.
- 44. However, without notifying Plaintiff, Mr. Long had taken for himself what would otherwise be a Neon Media opportunity by filing a Certificate of Incorporation forming Neon Machine in Delaware on August 3, 2021. On the same day, Mr. Long issued Promissory Notes on behalf of Neon Machine to each of Manager Defendants, including himself, on account of purported loans they had made to Neon Machine.
- 45. On August 20, 2021, Mr. Long adopted Neon Machine's bylaws without notice to or consent of Plaintiff or Neon Media (the "Bylaws"). Those Bylaws and their correlating Board resolution, all executed by Mr. Long alone while he was CEO of Neon Media and bound by his Member Agreement, established Mr. Long as the only director of the Board of Neon Machine and as the "President, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer, Secretary," despite his promise that Neon Machine's control structure would "mirror" Neon Media. The Bylaws and the Board resolution are attached hereto as **Exhibits B** and **C**, respectively.

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46. Additionally, upon information and belief, around Fall 2021, Mr. Long began to engage with Plaintiff's in-house counsel, Mr. Grossman, and ultimately retained him as general counsel for Neon Machine. That concurrent representation was undertaken without advising Neon Media or 4D Factory of any potential conflicts, which only served as further assurance to those entities that all interests, including control and ownership, were aligned. Unbeknownst to 4D Factory, Mr. Grossman apparently acted on the direction of Mr. Long, despite his continuing employment by Plaintiff, effectively duping Plaintiff into believing he was overseeing Mr. Long's transactions to look out for Plaintiff's interests when in fact he was then conflicted.

#### B. Long Presents New Financing from Griffin and Polychain as a Fait Accompli.

- A7. Despite Mr. Long's representations that SHRAP Token issuance would fund Neon Machine, and that he would refer any interested parties to Plaintiff as manager of Neon Media to negotiate the terms of any financing, Mr. Long negotiated funding terms with Griffin and Polychain without informing Plaintiff. On September 2, 2021, Mr. Long presented to Plaintiff for the first time via email a funding deal with Griffin and Polychain, by which both entities would fund a combined \$8 million to Neon Machine. Mr. Norbury, Mr. Zhou and Mr. Grossman were copied on this email. Mr. Long presented the deal between Neon Machine, Griffin and Polychain as substantially finalized, without Plaintiff's involvement.
- 48. The deal Mr. Long negotiated with Griffin and Polychain required that Plaintiff agree to a transfer of the *Shrapnel* IP from Neon Media to Neon Machine. In the September 2, 2021 email, Mr. Long represented to Plaintiff that as 60% shareholder of Neon Machine, it would retain control of three seats (the "4D Directors"): "3 for Neon/4D [both of which Plaintiff controlled], 2 for Griffin/Polychain, plus 1 observer from Griffin." Mr. Long also

represented in the email that he intended to schedule "day long monthly board meetings" including Griffin and Polychain. Mr. Long then said: "So, I believe we have an agreement in principle." (emphasis in original). Mr. Long's September 2, 2021 email is attached hereto Exhibit D.

49. This "agreement in principle" had not been previously run by or approved by Plaintiff or the Neon Media Board. However, after negotiations with Mr. Long, Plaintiff as majority shareholder of Neon Media agreed to transfer of the *Shrapnel* IP so long as Plaintiff received certain rights in exchange: (a) preservation of Plaintiff's 60% equity stake in Neon Machine with all rights thereto, including 3 of 5 Board seats; (b) confirmation that Plaintiff would receive its equity share of SHRAP Tokens; and (c) an assignment to Plaintiff of any dividends that Manager Defendants would receive from Neon Machine, including receipt of tokens, until such time as Plaintiff recovered its capital investment in Neon Media, which at the time exceeded the \$2.3 million originally agreed to. Mr. Long also promised to Mr. Javarone (Plaintiff's principal owner and manager), in his individual capacity, future interests in about 16 million SHRAP Tokens, as compensation for his services as an advisor to and director of Neon Machine. To assuage Plaintiff's concerns and secure its approval of the structure, Mr. Long unequivocally confirmed that he would commit to vote with the other 4D Directors on Board decisions.

# C. The Parties Enter into an Agreement Contingent on Plaintiff Receiving SHRAP Tokens and Dividends to Pay Back Plaintiff's Substantial Investment.

50. With this arrangement, the parties entered into a series of integrated transactions to memorialize the deal. Mr. Grossman provided the forms of the IP Transfer Agreement and the Recoupment Agreements (both as defined below) in the same email dated September 23, 2021, clearly evidencing the interrelation of the two contracts. Each of these agreements was signed or agreed to by consent of the Members of Neon Media (Manager Defendants) simultaneously on or around October 1, 2021.

- 51. First, upon information and belief, on October 1 Plaintiff and Mr. Long executed a Stock Purchase Right Notice and Restricted Stock Purchase Agreement entitling Plaintiff to 6,000,000 common shares of Neon Machine as of August 20, 2021.
- 52. Second, Neon Media and Neon Machine entered into an Intellectual Property Sale Agreement under which all of Neon Media's intellectual property in *Shrapnel* was "sold" to Neon Machine for total listed, nominal consideration of \$500.00 (the "IP Transfer Agreement").
- Assignment of Rights to Dividends Agreements (the "Recoupment Agreements"). The form of Recoupment Agreements prepared by Mr. Grossman provided that each Manager Defendant would assign and transfer to Plaintiff all of their rights and interests in and to any dividends "including any class of cryptocurrency or similar assets" paid or to be paid by Neon Machine until Plaintiff's "Capital Account" under the Neon Media Operating Agreement was paid off. Neon Machine would agree to pay those dividends directly to Plaintiff. On October 1, 2021, Mr. Long, as Director, CEO and shareholder, confirmed Manager Defendants' unanimous approval of the Recoupment Agreements to Plaintiff via email to Plaintiff. The October 1, 2021 email is attached hereto as Exhibit E.
- 54. Fourth, effective October 3, 2021, Neon Machine closed with each of Griffin and Polychain on the Simple Agreements for Future Equity, or "SAFEs," in the amount of

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\$5 million and \$3 million, respectively.<sup>2</sup> The SAFEs<sup>3</sup> provide that, upon occurrence of a "Network Launch," and the passing of sixty days without the termination of the SAFEs or the occurrence of a "Qualified Financing," Griffin and Polychain's SAFEs will automatically convert into a new series of Neon Machine preferred shares belonging to each of Griffin and Polychain. The partial term sheet attached to the SAFEs provides that holders of preferred stock may at their sole discretion vote as though their preferred equity was common stock, without converting to common stock, or could elect to convert their preferred shares to common stock at any time. However, Neon Machine's Bylaws do not permit issuance of preferred stock pursuant to the SAFEs and must be amended along with negotiation of the terms of the preferred stock before any preferred stock can be issued. As a result, any supposed "automatic conversion" of the SAFEs without amendment of the Bylaws would be potentially void or voidable as an *ultra vires* act.

of transactions" (emphasis added) pursuant to which Neon Machine issues, or "mints," the native token associated with access to and use of the *Shrapnel* network. The SAFEs define "Network" as "any blockchain-based application, platform or service operated or managed by, or based upon, or incorporating material portions of any intellectual property developed, owned or exclusively licensed by, the Company...." In other words, the "Network Launch" meant the actual launch of the *Shrapnel* game platform. That has always been the sole reason for SHRAP Tokens to exist, to wit: for use when playing the game itself. This interpretation is reinforced by the fact that \$15

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Plaintiff was aware of the entry into the SAFEs in principle. However, Mr. Long as the sole director of Neon Machine as of the date the SAFEs were entered into, unilaterally executed them on Neon Machine's behalf, and did not provide the material terms of the SAFEs to Plaintiff until after the first meeting of the full Board in January 2022. In other words, Plaintiff was not provided with the specific terms of the SAFEs until after the IP Transfer Agreement was effectuated.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The SAFEs were previously provided to this Court as Exhibit 2 to the *Neon Shareholders' Motion for an Order Declaring Automatic Stay Inapplicable, or In the Alternative, Granting Relief From Automatic Stay* [ECF 28], and are not reattached here.

million in SAFEs were issued by Neon Machine in Summer 2023, *months after* the April, 2023, date now claimed by Defendants as "Network Launch," yet which *all have language referring to Network Launch as a future event.* 

- D. Simultaneously, Defendants Engage in Secret Insider Transactions to Maximize Their Own Profits and Minimize Recoveries for Plaintiff.
  - i. <u>Manager Defendants Conduct Token Giveaway to Themselves, and Mr. Long Enters into</u> Side Letters Granting Substantial SHRAP Tokens to Griffin and Polychain.
- At the same time that the parties entered into the above agreements, Manager Defendants, upon information and belief, entered into a series of self-dealing and illicit transactions (collectively, the "Token Giveaway") that functioned to give them each substantial holdings of and/or rights to SHRAP Tokens. Mr. Long, who secretly set up Neon Machine so he would be its purported sole director and officer at this time, effectuated these transactions without Plaintiff's knowledge and in spite of his representations that Plaintiff would have majority control of the Board. Indeed, he had acknowledged this fact in his September 2, 2021 email; it was, as Mr. Long termed it, the "agreement in principle." (Exhibit D).
- 57. First, on September 29, 2021, without knowledge or consent of Plaintiff, Mr. Long entered into token side letter agreements with each of Griffin and Polychain (the "Side Letters"). The Side Letters provided that Griffin would receive 10.875% of the 3 billion "Total Network Tokens," more than 326 million SHRAP Tokens, and Polychain would receive 6.525%, or more than 195 million SHRAP Tokens, for no additional consideration. This amount was granted *in addition to* the *pro rata* amount allocated to Griffin and Polychain, as touted in the February 2022 Cap Table and the Internal Cap Table (defined below). Mr. Long secretly ratified the Side Letters as the purported sole member of the Neon Machine Board, without the Plaintiff's knowledge or consent.

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58. Second, on October 1, 2021, without knowledge or consent of Plaintiff, Mr. Long delivered a series of Offers of Employment by Neon Machine (the "Offer Letters") to each Manager Defendant. Each of the Offer Letters promised, "subject to the Company's approval of a "Token Incentive Plan," future token interests in amounts of SHRAP Tokens that far exceeded what Plaintiff was told would be granted to each Manager Defendant. Again, these amounts were granted *in addition to* the *pro rata* amount allocated to Manager Defendants, as revealed in the February 2022 Cap Table and the Internal Cap Table (defined below).

59. For example, according to the May 22, 2021 Equity Cap Table, Mr. Long would be entitled to approximately 35.5 million SHRAP Tokens on account of his equity interests in Neon Media. *See* Exhibit A. However, Mr. Long's Offer Letter promised to grant him a special distribution of more than 90 million SHRAP Tokens, including SHRAP Tokens purportedly issued to satisfy certain purported debts incurred by Neon Machine from Mr. Long. Upon information and belief, there is no record that the Promissory Notes (or the SHRAP Tokens granted to satisfy them) correspond to any actual funds paid by Manager Defendants. Mr. Long's Offer Letter, executed by Mr. Nonis, is attached hereto as **Exhibit F**.<sup>4</sup>

60. The Token Giveaway was a unilateral faithless undertaking by Mr. Long and facilitated by Manager Defendants to give themselves 1/6 of the total SHRAP Tokens for free,<sup>5</sup> in addition to the allocation Manager Defendants later presented to Plaintiff as tokens corresponding to their respective equity holdings, held in Company Treasury. Incredibly, no SHRAP Tokens were given to Plaintiff a Founder and the majority stockholder of Neon Machine

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Upon information and belief, each of the Offer Letters are substantially similar in terms, except for specific grants of SHRAP Tokens.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Apart from certain amounts paid by Ms. Lackaff and Mr. Yeend, the Manager Defendants purportedly paid approximately \$14,000 in the aggregate per the subscription agreements, but there is no evidence that even this *de minimis* amount was paid.

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who was supposed to receive the largest portion of SHRAP Tokens. Messrs. Long, Norbury and Zhou were each granted 91,328,859 million SHRAP Tokens; Messrs. Foran and Nonis were each granted 76,328,859 million SHRAP Tokens, and Mr. Yeend and Ms. Lackaff were each granted over 61 million SHRAP Tokens. On or around November 8, 2021, Argon Foundation purportedly entered into Token Subscription Agreements with each Manager Defendant, and with Griffin and Polychain, to guarantee them the SHRAP Tokens. A copy of Mr. Long's Token Subscription Agreements with Argon Protocol Foundation is annexed hereto as **Exhibit G**.6

- 61. On information and belief, Mr. Long purportedly granted the authority to distribute the rights to the SHRAP Tokens as the only director of the Board of Neon Machine and as the "President, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer, Secretary" of Neon Machine in a *Unanimous Board Resolution of Neon Machine Inc.* dated November 5, 2021. Notwithstanding that the subject matter of the purported *Unanimous Board Resolution* should have been noticed and determined by the actual agreed -upon Board of Five directors, and all shareholders, and notwithstanding that the Board did not authorize, among other things, the issuance of 552 million SHRAP Tokens to Manager Defendants, on this date, Plaintiff was the owner of 60% of the issued and outstanding shares of Neon Machine and was entitled to participate in any dividend of Neon Machine to the stockholders. Bylaws, Article 2, Sec. 7(c). As a result, the Token Giveaways and Side Letters are potentially void or voidable as *ultra vires* acts.
- 62. The effect of the Offer Letters and the Side Letters, never disclosed to Plaintiff until August 2023, was to execute a massive dividend to Defendants, ensuring Manager Defendants would profit from future sale of SHRAP Tokens, and avoid any dilution of their rights to SHRAP Tokens, while Plaintiff's SHRAP Tokens were relegated to holdings it could not access,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> This is an example of the Token Subscription Agreements. Each of the Manager Defendants has 2 such agreements and all are dated "as of" November 8, 2021.

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or so is the case Defendant Long and his co-defendants have attempted to make. As explained below, Manager Defendants knew or had reason to know that the Token Subscription Agreements were disingenuous because, upon information and belief, Argon Foundation was a shell entity, and Neon Machine was itself responsible for generating and distributing the SHRAP Tokens. At a minimum, they knew this was not an arms-length transaction, that they had voted unanimously to assign any such dividends to Plaintiff prior to taking or receiving a dividend from Neon Machine, and that any dividends must be made pro-rata after the recoupment of Plaintiff's investment in Neon Media was satisfied.

- Plaintiff were not actually intended to be distributed. Rather, these tokens would be owned by Neon Machine, to be reserved in the so-called *Shrapnel* Treasury. Manager Defendants would represent that Plaintiff and the other equity holders (which were, exclusively, Manager Defendants) would not receive SHRAP Tokens but could only *benefit* from their use by the company, theoretically accruing to equity value. Because Defendants executed the Token Giveaway, Defendants, along with Griffin and Polychain, could safely hold more than 1 billion SHRAP Tokens while claiming that the tokens promised to Plaintiff were never intended for actual distribution. Upon information and belief, if allowed to continue in control of the token and in defiance of the Board's authorization to distribute them, Defendants have managed matters to ensure that, among all token rights holders worldwide *Plaintiff alone is unable to access the SHRAP Tokens it was promised*.
- 64. To reiterate: by this time, Mr. Long and Manager Defendants had entered into Side Letters, Offer Letters and Token Subscription Agreements giving away more than 1/3 of the Total Network Tokens without knowledge or consent of Plaintiff, *after* Mr. Long represented to Plaintiff that it would control 3 of 5 Board seats and hold 60% equity in Neon Machine and

after the unanimous vote to assign their dividends to Plaintiff until Plaintiff received back its capital investment. But for this promise of mirror ownership and control, Plaintiff would not have approved or participated in (albeit with incomplete information) Neon Machine's creation.

- ii. Mr. Long Creates Argon Foundation and Argon Corp. and Uses Them to Project False Legitimacy to the Token Issuances.
- Mr. Long arranged for the incorporation and establishment of Argon Foundation and Argon Corp. in Panama which, though purporting to be independent, are exclusively controlled by Manager Defendants. He retained García de Paredes Law, a Panamanian law firm that markets itself as providing "Company and Private Foundation Incorporation" services, to incorporate both entities. Upon information and belief, the registered offices of both Argon Foundation and Argon Corp. are the offices of García de Paredes Law. Upon information and belief, all directors and officers of both Argon Foundation and Argon Corp. are employees or agents of García de Paredes Law. Mr. Long was personally invoiced by García de Paredes Law for the incorporation of both Argon Foundation and Argon Corp. on September 23, 2021. Defendants never informed Plaintiff of Argon Foundation and Argon Corp.'s true status.

### E. Defendants Repeatedly Misrepresent the Truth Regarding the SHRAP Tokens and Plaintiff's Board Control to Plaintiff.

66. Mr. Long and Manager Defendants sought from the moment the ink was dry on the IP Transfer Agreement to evade Plaintiff's oversight of Neon Machine, break their agreements to assign their dividends, and to dilute Plaintiff's interests and control. Mr. Long has continued to coordinate with Manager Defendants to undermine and, flat out avoid, the Board's authority and undermine the administrative functions of Neon Machine and has continued to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See "Services," GDPELAW.COM (last accessed Feb. 17, 2024), available at https://www.gdeplaw.com/services/.

present himself publicly as the CEO of Neon Machine, despite his suspension on November 13, 2023.8

- 67. In November 2021, only a month after Plaintiff agreed to the transfer of Shrappel IP out of Neon Media, Mr. Long communicated to Plaintiff that Griffin and Polychain would refuse to allow Mr. Javarone onto the Board. Plaintiff intended for Mr. Javarone, Ned Sherman, and Mr. Long to sit on Plaintiff's Board seats. Plaintiff contacted the founders of Griffin directly to confirm this information. On this call, the Griffin founders did not voice any objection to Mr. Javarone sitting on the Board. However, Griffin's founders then revealed that Mr. Long had represented to them that Plaintiff would control only one seat on the Board. As Plaintiff later found out, the SAFEs with Griffin and Polychain, which were withheld from Plaintiff until after the full Board was appointed, stated that Griffin and Polychain would each hold one Board seat; two seats would be held by nominees of common stock (Plaintiff named Mr. Long and Mr. Sherman), and a "4D seat" would be "nominated" by the Plaintiff and "acceptable" to both Griffin and Polychain. It appears Mr. Long had not informed Griffin that Plaintiff was the controlling shareholder of Neon Machine. Mr. Long since then, with dogged determination, ran the Company as if his misrepresentations were true, despite all of his promises and agreements with Plaintiff to the contrary.
- 68. In order to maintain Neon Machine's stability so shortly after its launch and its closing of investments with Griffin and Polychain, Plaintiff felt compelled to refrain a second time from terminating Mr. Long. Had Plaintiff known the full breadth of Mr. Long's treachery, it would have taken different actions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> As recently as February 21, 2024, Mr. Long represented himself on Linkedin and Twitter as CEO of Shrapnel as he has done on a "dba" basis for Neon Machine.

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- 69. At this point, at a minimum, Griffin was on notice that Mr. Long had deliberately misled them, and Plaintiff, regarding the control of Neon Machine, and that Mr. Long was providing conflicting information to both sides. Rather than using this information to take caution with Mr. Long's actions and representations, Fund Defendants fully entrenched themselves with Mr. Long's scheme.
- 70. As agreed upon from inception yet delayed three (3) months while Mr. Long executed his self-dealing agenda, Mr. Javarone and Mr. Sherman for Plaintiff, Pierre-Edouard Planche for Griffin, and Benjamin Perszyk for Polychain, were officially made directors of the Neon Machine Board pursuant to a Board resolution on January 26, 2022. Also on January 26, 2022, the full Board executed a second Board resolution approving entry into a form of Intellectual Property License and Assignment and Services Agreement (the "Argon Services Agreement") with Argon Corp. The form of Argon Services Agreement attached to the Board resolution and reviewed by the Board did not name the officer executing on behalf of Argon Corp. Neither Plaintiff nor the Board were informed at this time that Argon Corp. was a shell entity created by Mr. Long.. nor that he had ordered Argon to make himself and Manager Defendants Nonis and Norbury, plus unnamed Defendant Grossman, the signatories for the Foundation.
- 71. Following the Board's approval, on February 2, 2022, Mr. Long executed the Argon Services Agreement on behalf of Neon Machine. A true and correct copy of the executed Argon Services Agreement is attached hereto as **Exhibit H**. Upon information and belief, an employee of García de Paredes Law executed the agreement on behalf of Argon Corp. Pursuant to the Argon Services Agreement, Argon Corp. retained Neon Machine to provide the "necessary technology, expertise, staffing, infrastructure, and other resources needed... in order to support the token issuance and the research, development, maintenance, marketing, and support" of the SHRAP Token blockchain. *See* Argon Services Agreement at 1. In other words, *Neon Machine*

Foundation and Argon Corp. were created to conceal the fact that Defendants, Neon Machine and its management, have sole authority for the generation and distribution of the SHRAP Tokens. Therefore, pursuant to the Token Subscription Agreements, rather than each of the Manager Defendants contracting with an independent entity to grant them SHRAP Tokens, Manager Defendants granted more than 1/6 of the Total Network Tokens from themselves to themselves.

- i. <u>Manager Defendants Provide Misleading Capitalization Tables to Plaintiff While Maintaining Separate Books Containing the Actual Capitalization.</u>
- 72. Now that the 4D Directors were officially seated on the Board, Manager Defendants began a series of misrepresentations to Plaintiff in order to obscure the Token Giveaway and the nature of Plaintiff's SHRAP Token holdings.
- Plaintiff Director Mr. Javarone what the status and then-current capitalization of SHRAP Tokens was. On February 14, 2022, three weeks after the full Board of Neon Machine was seated, Mr. Long delivered to Plaintiff, a copy of Neon Machine's February 2022 capitalization tables (the "February 2022 Cap Tables"). The February 14, 2022 email and the February 2022 Cap Tables are attached hereto as **Exhibits I** and **J**, respectively. Mr. Grossman was copied on this email. The February 2022 Cap Tables were created by Mr. Zhou on January 29, 2022. In this email, for the first time, Mr. Long suggested that Plaintiff did not own its SHRAP Tokens:

The token treasury controlled by the board is ~41% of total supply, of which 4D's 39% equity interest could theoretically [sic] translate into ~\$240M should the board elect to distribute on a pro rata basis. (Exhibit I)

74. The February 2022 Cap Tables listed a purported accounting of the total 3 billion Total Network Tokens. The February 2022 Cap Tables listed the SHRAP Tokens sitting in "Neon Machine Treasury," and the SHRAP Tokens sitting with "Insiders" (a category which

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Plaintiff, as a founding and majority shareholder of Neon Machine, should not have been excluded from)).

Neon Machine Treasury *	# tokens	
4D Factory	480,927,488	
Griffin	267,181,938	
Polychain	160,309,163	
Founders	320,618,325	
Subtotal	1,229,036,913	
Insiders		
Seed Round Investors	612,000,000	
Team, Advisors, Future Hires	793,963,087	
Board Directors	5,000,000	
Subtotal	otal 1,410,963,087	

- 75. The tables provided to Plaintiff were deliberately misleading. The "Neon Machine Treasury" table represented Plaintiff's understanding that it would receive SHRAP Tokens in proportion to its equity in Neon Machine, as promised by Manager Defendants. Mr. Long and Mr. Grossman did not explain who belonged to the "Insiders" category, nor that Griffin, Polychain and Manager Defendants received more than 1 billion additional SHRAP Tokens that were hidden in the "Team, Advisors, Future Hires" and "Seed Round Investors" subcategories.
- 76. Around the same time, a significantly more detailed capitalization table dated February 10, 2022, excerpts of which are attached hereto as **Exhibit K** (the "<u>Internal Cap Table</u>"), was maintained by Manager Defendants and not shared with Plaintiff (only discovered by Plaintiff after it was forced to remove Mr. Long from its Board seat in August 2023 to force information access), which reflected their true intentions. Upon information and belief, Mr. Zhou created the Internal Cap Table on October 28, 2021, once the IP transfer was signed. The Internal

Cap Table listed the exact amounts of SHRAP Token being given to Defendants, including Griffin and Polychain.

1	<u>Name</u>	Number of Tokens
81	Launch Partner Equity Investors	
82	Griffin Gaming Partners II, L.P.	309,937,500
83	Griffin Gaming Partners II Side Fund, L.P.	16,312,500
84	Polychain Venture Partners II LP	195,750,000
85	EQUITY INVESTOR SUBTOTAL	522,000,000

1	Name	Number of Tokens
3	Founders FTIs	
4	Mark Long	70,001,845
5	Don Norbury	70,001,845
6	Colin Foran	65,665,352
7	Aaron Nonis	65,665,352
8	Mark Yeend	61,415,589
9	Naomi Lackaff	62,196,158
10	Calvin Zhou	70,001,845
11	Gianna Sulyma (In Founders Round)	15,418,945
12	FOUNDERS SUBTOTAL	480,366,930

1	<u>Name</u>	Number of Tokens
93	Friends and Family Round	
94	Mark Long	21,327,014
95	Don Norbury	21,327,014
96	Colin Foran	10,663,507
97	Aaron Nonis	10,663,507
98	Mark Yeend	213,270
99	Naomi Lackaff	2,132,701
100	Calvin Zhou	21,327,014
101	Gianna Sulyma	213,270
102	David Vicini	1,066,351
103	Andrew Grossman	1,066,351
104	TOTAL	90,000,000

Tokens according to equity holdings as listed in the February 2022 Cap Table. In fact, the Internal Cap Table only lists 15 million SHRAP Tokens "Reserved for 4D Factory" under the "Early Advisory" category. (Exhibit K). Upon information and belief, these SHRAP Tokens were shown improperly as Plaintiff's, since they had been promised to Mr. Javarone, in his individual capacity, as Mr. Long confirmed in his February 14, 2022 email. Notably, despite being a founding investor, majority stockholder, and shown among "Founders" on the first Resolutions (Exhibit C), when Long and Manager Defendants executed their give-away to "Founders," Plaintiff was excluded.

- 78. In short, Mr. Long and his team were providing capitalization tables to Plaintiff showing that it, Griffin, Polychain and Manager Defendants would receive SHRAP Tokens in proportion to their equity holdings, while internally Manager Defendants were recording that Griffin, Polychain and Manager Defendants would have over 1 billion SHRAP Tokens among themselves, and Plaintiff was entitled to *no tokens whatsoever*.
  - ii. <u>Manager Defendants Make Affirmative Misrepresentations and False Statements to Plaintiff to Further Obscure the Truth.</u>
- 79. The relegation of Plaintiff's large SHRAP Token holdings, long promised by Manager Defendants, to "Treasury," which Plaintiff could not readily access and or even own unless distributed by the Board, was a surprising revelation to Plaintiff. Plaintiff, through Mr. Javarone, began seeking answers from Mr. Long regarding his statement that Plaintiff's SHRAP Tokens were held in "Neon Machine Treasury." On May 10, 2022, Plaintiff, through Mr. Javarone, emailed to Mr. Long a series of questions seeking clarification about his February 14, 2022 email. The May 10, 2022 email is attached hereto as **Exhibit L**.
- 80. Among other questions, Plaintiff asked: (1) the identities and investments of the "Pre-Seed" and "Seed Round" investors; (2) how many of the "Team, Advisors, and Future Hires" SHRAP Tokens were already granted or reserved for future hires; (3) how and when the "Seed Round" fundings and the grants of SHRAP Tokens to "Team, Advisors and Future Hires" were approved by the Board; (4) clarification about Plaintiff's token allocation in the "Treasury" category; and (5) why Plaintiff, Mr. Javarone, Mr. Conroy and Mr. Miller were not offered SHRAP Tokens to purchase in the pre-public rounds. Plaintiff indicated it had never seen its tokens classified in the "Treasury" category before:

This suggests that 4D is limited to a category that cannot access the token unless approved for distribution, while the rest who have been granted tokens for free or invited to purchase them for fractions of a cent are more liquid and accessible. What was planned for how the Treasury tokens would be available and liquid? Are

there rules or other conditions related to the above white paper description that impact whether they can be distributed, per your footnote? (Exhibit L)

- By email dated July 29, 2022, more than two months later, Mr. Long finally provided his response to Plaintiff. A true and correct copy of the July 29, 2022 email is attached hereto as **Exhibit M**. Mr. Long prefaced his email by saying that Mr. Grossman worked with Neon Machine's corporate counsel at Fenwick & West LLP to prepare answers to Plaintiff's questions. Mr. Grossman was still The 4D Factory LLC's general counsel at this time and had a fiduciary duty and ethical responsibility to provide Plaintiff with full, accurate information from Neon Machine. Mr. Long's responses, which according to Mr. Long were drafted and signed off by Mr. Grossman and outside corporate counsel Fenwick, only further withheld the facts and obscured Manager Defendants' true intentions. Each false and/or misleading statement in Mr. Long's email (A through F below), and Plaintiff's response herein, is addressed below:
  - A. "Argon is a Panamanian foundation (without any members or shareholders) that is developing the smart contract responsible for the SHRAP token and is expected to eventually deploy the smart contract that mints the tokens. Argon is a contractual counterparty of Neon, but is not owned or controlled by Neon." (Exhibit M)
- 82. Statement "A" above, upon information and belief, is and was a false and misleading statement intended to lead Plaintiff to believe that the SHRAP Tokens were being developed and distributed by an entity independent of Neon Machine. Upon information and belief, both Argon Foundation and Argon Corp. are Panamanian shell entities of Neon Machine created by Mr. Long, and all operations related to creation and distribution of SHRAP Tokens were managed by Manager Defendants at Neon Machine.
  - B. "Of the ~799 million SHRAP Tokens that have been allocated for current and future employees, directors, consultants, advisors, etc. of Neon [Machine] in connection with their services, interests in ~714.5 million SHRAP Tokens have already been allocated and/or granted (including to The 4D Factory LLC), and interests in ~84.5 million SHRAP Tokens remain reserved and available (note that the difference between ~794 million and ~799 million token interests is the 5

million token interests allocated for Neon board directors, including yourself)." (Exhibit M)

- 83. Statement "B" above, is and was a false and misleading statement designed to conceal the Token Giveaway and otherwise delay and hinder Plaintiff. Mr. Long deliberately misrepresented that Plaintiff's SHRAP Tokens were included in the 714.5 million that "have already been allocated and/or granted," when in fact those were Mr. Javarone's personal tokens for his (otherwise uncompensated) services as an advisor and Neon Machine director on the Board. In addition, although Plaintiff requested a specific breakdown of how the SHRAP Tokens were distributed to "Team, Advisors and Future Hires," Mr. Long did not provide this breakdown, *specifically* concealing that Manager Defendants had distributed 552 million SHRAP Tokens to themselves.
  - C. "Separately, a group of founders and early service providers received an aggregate of 90 million SHRAP Token interests in exchange for cancellation of debt in the aggregate amount of ~\$422,000." (Exhibit M)
- 84. Statement "C" above, is and was false and misleading. As of July 2023, the approximately \$422,000 *purported* debt was still listed as "notes payable" liabilities in Neon Machine's balance sheets, *with accrued interest*. In reality, 552 million SHRAP Tokens had been distributed and/or assigned to Manager Defendants, not "an aggregate of 90 million SHRAP Token interests" as provided in the July 29, 2022 response.
  - D. "4D has a direct allocation of 15 million SHRAP Token interests, and a purchase agreement covering such token allocation was sent to 4D in December 2021 for signature." (Exhibit M)
- 85. Statement "D" above, is and was a false and misleading statement intended to grasp at Mr. Javarone's token interests and misrepresent them to obscure the fact Manager Defendants had disenfranchised Plaintiff of the hundreds of millions of tokens it was entitled to that they had promised.. Mr. Javarone, not Plaintiff, had been granted 15 million SHRAP Tokens.

Mr. Long himself had just stated this fact himself in his February 14, 2022 email. Mr. Long changed his story from February and misrepresented to Plaintiff in July that those SHRAP Tokens belonged to it to hide the fact that Mr. Long had actually reserved no SHRAP Tokens for Plaintiff.

- E. "In May 2021, Calvin Zhou offered you the opportunity invest [sic] in the project, and Calvin recalls that you did not want to participate at that time." (Exhibit M)
- 86. Statement "E" above, is and was a false and misleading statement intended to suggest that Plaintiff willingly turned down the opportunity to "invest" in what was in fact a massive SHRAP Token Giveaway. Plaintiff was never offered an opportunity to participate in the SHRAP Token Giveaway. Instead, in or about May 2021 when Plaintiff and Mr. Zhou discussed the SHRAP Token's capitalization and potential capital raises, Mr. Zhou took the opportunity to reinforce the large stake in SHRAP Tokens Plaintiff was already entitled to in connection with its equity stake in Neon Machine.
  - F. "The specific way in which Neon uses the SHRAP token interests on its balance sheet will be determined over time, as dictated by business needs. So long as Neon complies with applicable law, there aren't restrictions on how Neon can use the SHRAP token interests. If approved by the Board, one of those use cases could be distributing some or all of the SHRAP token interests to Neon stockholders." (Exhibit M) (emphasis added).
- 87. Statement "F" above, upon information and belief, is and was a deliberately misleading statement intended to lead Plaintiff to believe that its SHRAP Tokens, now classified as "treasury" tokens, could still be distributed to them upon approval by the Board. However, upon information and belief, Manager Defendants intended that Plaintiff would never receive its distribution of SHRAP Tokens, even by a Board vote to distribute SHRAP Token interests to Neon Machine's stockholders. Indeed, with Mr. Long sitting in one of Plaintiff's seats, and Griffin and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> This was at least the second time Mr. Long had said this. See, Exhibit M: "The token treasury controlled by the board is ~41% of total supply, of which 4D's 39% equity interest could theoretically [sic] translated into ~\$240M should the board elect to distribute on a pro rata basis." (emphasis added).

Polychain in 2 out of 5 Board seats and coordinating with Mr. Long, and with Neon Machine actually in control of generation and distribution of SHRAP Tokens (rather than shell entities Argon Foundation and Argon Corp.), Mr. Long knew it was highly unlikely or even impossible for Plaintiff's "treasury" token to ever be distributed by the Board. Later, when Plaintiff sought in January 2024 to exercise the Board's authority and the Board passed the Resolution to distribute SHRAP Tokens to stockholders, Manager Defendants simply ignored the directive, and the Defendants continue to maintain that Plaintiff is entitled to no SHRAP Tokens whatsoever.

88. Manager Defendants were aware of the prospect of dilution of their common stock position if and when the SAFEs eventually converted. If and when the conversion occurred, Manager Defendants would be entitled to fewer tokens based on the dilution of their stock interest. Notwithstanding the lack of authority for the distribution of 552 million SHRAP Tokens in 2021, by distributing the SHRAP Tokens to themselves at the first opportunity, Manager Defendants avoided all threatened dilution of their shares of the SHRAP Tokens if and when the SAFEs convert, while subjecting Plaintiff to *all* the dilution and now even arguing Plaintiff should receive nothing.

# F. Defendants Improperly Exercised Complete Control Over Neon Machine and Prevented Any Oversight By the Company's Majority Shareholder.

- 89. Through the remainder of 2022 and until Mr. Long's removal from the Board in 2023, Defendants ran Neon Machine in direct contravention of Neon Machine's Bylaws and their responsibilities to shareholders and did not provide any more information to Plaintiff about its SHRAP Token interests.
- 90. Despite promising "monthly day long board meetings," for almost two years, Mr. Long held only two Board meetings including the 4D Directors, including the first meeting of the full five-member Board on January 26, 2022. Instead, upon information and belief,

he held frequent, unnoticed meetings with, Mr. Planche and Mr. Perszyk and excluded the other two 4D Directors, Mr. Javarone and Mr. Sherman, from these meetings. Plaintiff did not even discover that these meetings took place until just before Mr. Long was removed from the Board on August 22, 2023, and did not discover the Token Giveaway until even later. Upon information and belief, Griffin and Polychain, through Mr. Planche and Mr. Perszyk respectively, knew that notice of these meetings had not been given to Mr. Javarone or Mr. Sherman.

- 91. These Board meetings were conducted in violation of Neon Machine's Bylaws. Article III, Section 10 of the Bylaws provides that regular Board meetings may be held without notice as determined from time to time by the Board, however, any absent directors must be given notice of such determination when it is made. Article III, Sections 11 and 12 of the Bylaws provide that notice of any special meetings of the Board must be given to each director. *See* Exhibit B. Mr. Long, Griffin, Polychain, Mr. Planche and Mr. Perszyk never noticed the 4D Directors of any meeting they held, and nor did anyone else. Therefore, any actions "approved" by them were not properly approved before the Board of Neon Machine, and therefore were void.
- 92. While excluding two of the three 4D Directors Mr. Javarone and Mr. Sherman from vital Board meetings, as Plaintiff later discovered, Defendants engaged in significant and damaging actions to Neon Machine's business and Plaintiff's equity value without notice to or approval by Neon Machine's Board or its majority stockholder. Upon information and belief, Defendants collectively: ran up extremely high operating costs without sufficient capital, draining Neon Machine's cash as quickly as it was raised, listing SHRAP Tokens on public exchanges without consideration by the Board, raising the majority of Neon Machine's capital by selling agreements for future stock that would dilute Plaintiff's equity stake in Neon Machine without authorization or approval, and using the cash raised, including from future stock sales, at their whim.

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93. In particular, Mr. Long, Griffin, Polychain, Mr. Planche and Mr. Perszyk without any Board meeting or consent, caused Neon Machine to issue securities of more than \$15 million, the majority of the capital raised by the Company, as additional SAFEs to third parties in 2023, on terms that were substantially similar to the terms of the SAFEs entered into with Griffin and Polychain in October 2021, including approximately \$4 million more SAFEs issued to Griffin itself. In conjunction with the original SAFEs issued to Griffin and Polychain, conversion of the SAFEs to common stock in Neon Machine will significantly dilute Plaintiff's equity interests 10 and Manager Defendants' equity. Plaintiff would lose its controlling interest of Neon Machine, have its potential dividends reduced considerably, and be substantially setback from ever recouping its original investment. Upon information and belief, Defendants engaged in these actions for the direct purpose of diluting Plaintiff's ownership of Neon Machine, having already hedged their own profits through the Token Giveaway.

94. To reiterate, as of now, Mr. Long and his Manager Defendants have entered into, all without knowledge or consent of Plaintiff, Token Subscription Agreements, Offer Letters and Side Letters giving away more than 1 billion SHRAP Tokens, currently valued at hundreds of millions of dollars, to Manager Defendants, Griffin and Polychain, plus \$15 million of additional, equity-diluting SAFEs.

95. Unless relief is granted by this Court, Defendants' plan will have worked. Manager Defendants now together, hold more than 1/6 of the 3 billion SHRAP Tokens. At the trading price of approximately \$0.349<sup>11</sup>, *Manager Defendants possess rights to SHRAP Tokens* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> In the complaint filed in the Derivative Action, Manager Defendants allege Plaintiff would only have a 19% equity interest in Neon Machine after SAFE conversion.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> This valuation was taken from www.coingecko.com at on March 13, 2024.

worth over \$176 million, presumably held in their wallets, 12 which they can freely access and have full control to distribute, trade and benefit from, subject only to normal lockup restrictions applying to all token holders, while having so far locked out both the Plaintiff (and Mr. Javarone in his individual capacity) from receiving a single token. Plaintiff has not received a penny, let alone a single token from Neon Machine.

96. Defendants' coordinated stripping of value from Neon Media, initiated at a time when Mr. Long and others were employees and officers of Neon Media, followed by the calculated pilfering of Neon Machine, combined with the millions of dollars in capital Plaintiff provided for Mr. Long's projects, were among the root causes of Plaintiff's bankruptcy filing on October 10, 2023.

### G. Defendants Continue to Withhold Plaintiff's SHRAP Tokens Even After Plaintiff Exercised Rightful Control Over the Board.

97. On August 22, 2023, Plaintiff removed Mr. Long from his seat on the Neon Machine Board due to his withholding of information from the 4D Directors and refusal to report to the full Board. Plaintiff, through its three Board seats (Mr. Javarone, Mr. Sherman and Mr. Honour (who replaced Mr. Long)), instructed Neon Machine's outside counsel to provide access to the company's data room (which outside counsel, not Neon Machine management, complied with). Plaintiff also called a series of Board meetings in order to establish proper governance, investigate Mr. Long's series of *ultra vires* acts, and consider how to deal with the damaging consequences of Mr. Long's actions. While the 4D Directors performed the duties of the Board, Griffin and Polychain's Board directors, Mr. Planche and Mr. Perszyk, objected to or abstained from voting on all proposed measures, including measures to provide *all* directors with

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Plaintiff requested this information by letter dated December 27, 2023, but the Manager Defendants have refused to provide information as to how the tokens are allocated amongst the token holders.

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access to Neon Machine's full corporate books and records, appoint special counsel to the Board to help navigate matters, and to retain investment bankers to support capital raising beyond Griffin and Polychain alone. Indeed, it was only by virtue of Plaintiffs' removing Mr. Long from one of the Plaintiff's Board seats that Plaintiff has been able to learn many of the material facts that form the basis of this Complaint.

- 98. On September 15, 2023, Mr. Long forwarded to the Board a letter from Griffin (the "Demand Letter") demanding the conversion of their SAFEs to preferred equity. Mr. Long advised that he already asked outside counsel Fenwick to draft an amended corporate charter and financing documents to implement this conversion. The Demand Letter asserted for the first time the occurrence of an alleged "Network Launch" purportedly on April 29, 2023. It argued that 60 days thereafter, on June 29, 2023, conversion of the SAFEs to preferred equity automatically occurred. Prior to September 15, 2023, neither Plaintiff nor the Board ever received any notification, formal or informal, that a Network Launch or SAFE conversion occurred at any time. In fact, no conversion can be automatic as the Bylaws put in place for the Company do not permit issuance of preferred stock and would have to be amended, and preferred share terms and conditions would have to be negotiated, all requiring Board approval, along with a board determination of the purported Network Launch trigger event. On information and belief, more than half of the "Series A" SAFEs were issued *after* April 29, 2023, all without Board approval and with language referring to Network Launch as a future event.
- 99. When the Board advised Mr. Long that the Board would need to ultimately determine whether the Network Launch occurred, and emphasized the past unauthorized actions that required the Board's review, Mr. Long refused to provide analysis or backup materials. Instead, Mr. Long merely sent a weblink to the SHRAP blockchain and threatened to tell Griffin

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and "the other SAFE holders" that the Board would not comply with the automatic conversion of the SAFEs.

Mr. Planche, and Polychain through Mr. Rosenthal, continued to assert the Board was not legitimate, that the SAFEs must be recognized as converted, and that the Board should not further scrutinize the occurrence of a "Network Launch." During the meeting, the 4D Directors also confirmed that Mr. Long had entered Neon Machine into approximately \$15 million in new SAFEs in 2023 (after the purported "Network Launch," which is a trigger event for conversion under the new SAFEs), all without Board authorization. *Neon Machine's counsel* at *Fenwick stated at the meeting that it had no record of these SAFEs having been issued.* Issuance of SAFE agreements after the purported "Network Launch," would mean that Defendants knowingly entered into SAFEs referring to Network Launch as a future event even though they were taking the position that Network Launch had already occurred.

Fund Defendants received notice of this Board meeting but chose not to attend. Mr. Long was suspended as CEO (with pay) due to his abdication of responsibilities, failure to provide information the Board had demanded at the prior meeting, and obstruction of all Board directives. Mr. Javarone was appointed as interim CEO and Treasurer. The Board approved steps to retain counsel to investigate Mr. Long's actions at the company and issued directives to certain Manager Defendants. Specifically, the Board issued a directive imposing a two-signature requirement for expenses over \$5,000, meant to control costs and give the Board visibility on spending.— a common sense corporate control. The Board also authorized the retention of investment bankers and game industry specialist advisors on an expedited basis to support raising new financing for Neon Machine from a broad market. After the meeting, the Board, through Mr. Javarone as interim

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CEO, issued these directives to Messrs. Norbury, Nonis and Grossman. None of them responded to Mr. Javarone or complied with the Board's directives.

- 102. Plaintiff's attempts to exercise Board authority exposed, among other things, Defendants' desperate desire to evade Board review of its actions, and prevent the Board from opening capital raising activities to a broader market, since it would lessen the grip they held on Neon Machine, control which has eviscerated Plaintiff's position despite being Majority Shareholder. Indeed, in keeping with their plan, Defendants ignored the Board's attempts to secure financing from the broader market. Instead, in early December 2023, Defendants attempted to push through a \$2 million equity investment from Griffin and Polychain. While this financing would be woefully insufficient at barely two-thirds of one month of Neon Machine's expenses, it would constitute a "Qualified Financing" that would cause Griffin and Polychain's SAFEs to automatically convert into preferred shares. If this transaction were carried through, the market would not have spoken but the scheme to remove Plaintiff's Directors from the Board and thereby, evade the Board's investigation of Mr. Long's actions, and ensure Plaintiff could never access its token entitlement, would be complete. The Board did not approve the transaction.
- 103. On December 27, 2023, counsel for Mr. Javarone delivered a letter to Argon Foundation requesting the immediate turnover of Mr. Javarone's 16 million SHRAP Tokens per the signed contract(s) with the company. Despite Defendants never raising any disputes as to Mr. Javarone's right to receive those SHRAP Tokens, they remain undelivered.
- 104. On January 4, 2024, counsel for Plaintiff delivered a letter to the Board requesting the immediate turnover of Plaintiff's negotiated-for SHRAP Tokens. This letter sought turnover of 480,927,488 SHRAP Tokens based on the representations made in the February 2022 Cap Tables—the most recent token capitalization tables Defendants provided Plaintiff to date.

Mr. Planche and Mr. Rosenthal attended and expressed their opinion, for the first time, that none of the 4D Directors were seated any longer on the Board because, they claimed, the SAFEs had already converted, and so Griffin and Polychain as "stockholders" could vote for and elected different directors. These statements could only possibly be true if Polychain and Griffin "deemed" their SAFEs converted to preferred stock and voted as common shareholders, thereby diluting Plaintiff's common stock and Board control. Indeed, Mr. Planche suggested at the meeting that they voted for and elected (past tense) different directors sometime after the November 13, 2023 Board meeting. Ironically, Messrs Planche and Rosenthal made sure to get signatures in advance consenting to record the meeting from *all* Directors – *including Plaintiff's*.

chapter 11 cases the *Motion of Neon Shareholders for Entry of an Order for Relief from Prior Order Granting Relief from Stay, or, in the Alternative, Granting Renewed Relief from Automatic Stay* [ECF 63] (the "Reconsideration Motion"). Through the Reconsideration Motion, Manager Defendants represented for the first time in indisputable terms their conclusion that Plaintiff was not entitled to any SHRAP Tokens whatsoever. *See* Reconsideration Motion ¶¶ 8-9 (stating the Debtors "do not own, did not disclose on their schedules, and are not entitled to" the SHRAP Tokens promised to Plaintiff); ¶¶ 38-39 ("Rather, the SHRAP Tokens held in Neon's Treasury are similar to treasury stock held by a Delaware corporation. Such Treasury tokens are established for various reasons and have been held on Neon's balance sheet for general corporate purposes... at bottom, Neon's Treasury tokens were never meant or intended to be used as a rainy-day fund for the Debtor...") Indeed, upon information and belief, the active trading of SHRAP Tokens since November 2023 demonstrates that millions of tokens have been distributed to holders around the

world. Meanwhile, everything promised to Plaintiff has been either withheld or converted, or both.

107. To date, while Defendants continue to withhold substantial and vital information regarding the operations, finances and token activities of Neon Machine and Argon from the Board, Defendants maintain complete control of banking, capital raising, token activities, and operations and upon information and belief, continue to take material actions in absolute defiance of the Board and the acting CEO. As recently as March 6, 2024, Defendants, purporting to act on behalf of Neon Machine, publicly announced a "comprehensive revision" to the SHRAP Token unlock schedule that will reduce planned unlocking of tokens "for the team, advisors, seed token holders, and strategic token holders." <sup>13</sup> Upon information and belief, Defendants are exercising their self-appointed authority to specifically target and prevent Plaintiff and Mr. Javarone from ever accessing any benefit from their economics in the Company to support the Debtor.

108. As it relates to any potential derivative claims: To the extent Board control is contested, demand is excused as futile. To the extent Plaintiff retains self-control of the Board, this action should be construed as a direct action brought by Neon Media and/or Neon Machine.

# COUNT I (Turnover and Accounting of Property) (Against Manager Defendants)

109. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 108 hereof, as if fully set forth herein.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Andrew Hayward, "'Shrapnel' Game Tweaks Token Schedule with 75% Less SHRAP Unlocking in April," DECRYPT.Co (Mar. 6, 2024), *available at* https://decrypt.co/220463/shrapnel-game-tweaks-shrap-token-schedule.

- 110. Section 541 of the Bankruptcy Code provides that a debtor's estate is comprised of, subject to certain exceptions, "all legal or equitable interests of the debtor as of the commencement of the case." 11 U.S.C. § 541(a)(1).
- 111. Section 542 of the Bankruptcy Code provides that an entity in possession, custody, or control during the case of property that the trustee may use, see, or lease under section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code "shall deliver to the trustee, and account for, such property or the value of such property, unless such property is of inconsequential value or benefit to the estate." 11 U.S.C. § 542(a).
- 112. Plaintiff was promised SHRAP Tokens in proportion to Plaintiff's equity interests in Neon Machine. Plaintiff has good cause to believe that SHRAP Tokens have been and are being improperly held by Manager Defendants that should be turned over to Plaintiff's bankruptcy estate immediately as promised.
- 113. Plaintiff has a legal and equitable interest in the SHRAP Tokens being so held. Although Neon Machine, through its Board, authorized the *pro rata* release of SHRAP Tokens including Plaintiff's SHRAP Tokens by delivery to Plaintiff's wallet address, those SHRAP Tokens have not been released. To the extent SHRAP Tokens constitute "treasury stock" of Neon Machine, the action by the Board was in keeping with Article V, Section 1 of the Bylaws, not to mention in accordance with the process previously provided by Manager Defendants and their counsel.
- 114. Plaintiff has good cause to believe that Manager Defendants have continued to sell and/or give away SHRAP Tokens to reduce the total amount remaining to distribute to stockholders, including to Plaintiff. Manager Defendants continue to withhold information regarding the current pool of SHRAP Tokens remaining to distribute. Plaintiff has only been informed that Manager Defendants gifted 552,602,013 to themselves and distributed nothing to

Plaintiff. Plaintiff remains entitled to the 480,927,488 SHRAP Tokens Manager Defendants represented it was entitled to as its pro rata share based on Plaintiff's initial equity. In the alternative, Plaintiff is entitled to receive, at minimum, 60% of the SHRAP Tokens Manager Defendants distributed to themselves, or 331,561,208 tokens.<sup>14</sup>

- 115. The SHRAP Tokens can be used, sold, or otherwise transferred for value by Plaintiff as a debtor in the Chapter 11 Cases. SHRAP Tokens are currently in circulation with a value of more than \$0.34 per token. At this value, Plaintiff could potentially yield more than \$163 million from sale, over time, of its SHRAP Token.
- 116. Accordingly, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 541(a) and 542(a), Plaintiff demands (i) immediate compliance with the Board's directive to release the SHRAP Tokens to Plaintiff, *i.e.* the immediate turnover to Plaintiff of 480,927,488 SHRAP Tokens and (ii) turnover of 331,561,208 SHRAP Tokens, or a rescission of all Token Giveaways and a re-distribution on an undiluted, pro rata basis with all Defendants' alleged rights equitably subordinated given their improper conduct, and (iii) an accounting of the Total Network Tokens.
- 117. Additionally, to the extent Manager Defendants have sold any SHRAP Tokens that constitute property of the estate, Plaintiff also demands the immediate turnover from Manager Defendants of 60% of the proceeds received for those sales.

#### **COUNT II**

## (Fraud/Breach of Fiduciary Duty of Disclosure) (Against Manager Defendants)

118. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 117 hereinabove inclusive.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Plaintiff is technically entitled to both the distribution of the 480,927,488 tokens pursuant to the board action and also 331,561,208 tokens from the Token Giveaway. For purposes of this Complaint, Plaintiff is seeking relief in the alternative, but reserves the right to seek its full relief.

- 119. Manager Defendants, in their capacity as directors and/or officers of Neon Machine and Neon Media, owed the company and their co-shareholders fiduciary duties, including the fiduciary duties of loyalty and disclosure.
- 120. Manager Defendants knowingly made a series of material misrepresentations to Plaintiff in order to induce Plaintiff to agree to Neon Machine's transaction with Griffin and Polychain, and then to mislead Plaintiff about the true nature of Plaintiff's interest.
- 121. Mr. Long represented to Plaintiff that (1) it would maintain 60% ownership equity in Neon Machine, (2) it would hold three of five seats on the Board and governance would remain unchanged; and (3) it would receive SHRAP Tokens as holder of 60% equity in Neon Machine, in proportion to its equity.
- 122. By approving the Recoupment Agreements, each Manager Defendant represented to Plaintiff that it would be paid back for its significant investments.
- 123. But for these representations made by Neon Machine's then-CEO and manager/shareholders, Plaintiff would not have agreed to the transactions. Plaintiff reasonably believed Manager Defendants' representations were true because Plaintiff had not been informed that Mr. Long secretly created Neon Machine and unilaterally gave himself all power over the company through the Bylaws and had no reason to believe Manager Defendants would intentionally sabotage Plaintiff's investment.
- 124. These representations were false when they were made, and Manager Defendants knew they were false, or made them recklessly without knowledge of their truth. Manager Defendants had no intention of paying back Plaintiff for its investments. They intended to induce Plaintiff to agree to the transfer of the *Shrapnel* IP out of Neon Media, and to the financing from Griffin and Polychain, by misleading and defrauding the Plaintiff.

- 125. Once Manager Defendants got what they wanted, they each consciously and recklessly undertook efforts to sabotage Plaintiff's investment. Mr. Long set up Plaintiff's equity for significant dilution upon launch of the *Shrapnel* game by closing on additional SAFEs without notice to or approval of the Board. Mr. Long gave more than a billion tokens to his colleagues Manager Defendants, and Griffin and Polychain without notice.
- Token Subscription Agreements with the shell entity Argon Foundation to grant themselves significant volumes of SHRAP Tokens that were not offered to Plaintiff. Upon information and belief, because all services related to the generation and distribution of SHRAP Tokens were performed by Neon Machine, each Manager Defendant knew or should have known that, through the Token Subscription Agreements, they were essentially contracting with themselves to give SHRAP Tokens to themselves.
- 127. From the appointment of the full Board on January 26, 2022, upon information and belief, each Manager Defendant worked directly with Mr. Long to conceal the status of the SHRAP Tokens from Plaintiff and withhold all of Neon Machine's vital financial and operational information from the 4D Directors. Additional steps, including attempts to conceal conduct and insulate the Manager Defendants, represent additional fraudulent conduct and breaches of fiduciary duty, all in an effort to cover up their wrongful behavior. Each Manager Defendant continues to withhold this information from the 4D Directors. Each Manager Defendant was and is an active participant in the scheme to defraud Plaintiff.
- 128. As a direct, proximate and foreseeable result of Manager Defendants' continuing fraud against Plaintiff as herein alleged, Plaintiff suffered and sustained and is entitled to recover from Manager Defendants, jointly and severally, actual, general, compensatory and consequential damages in an amount to be proven at trial but no less than \$10,000,000.

129. Alternatively, Plaintiff is entitled to a declaration that the transactions addressed herein are void or voidable.

#### COUNT III

### (Fraudulent Concealment/Breach of Fiduciary Duty of Disclosure) (Against Fund Defendants)

- 130. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 129 herein above inclusive.
- 131. To the extent Fund Defendants held seats on the Neon Machine Board, they served as fiduciaries to Neon Machine and its shareholders, including Plaintiff, and therefore had a duty to disclose complete and accurate information to Plaintiff regarding the occurrence of purported Board meetings and significant actions taken by Neon Machine as a result of such Board meetings.
- 132. Upon information and belief, Fund Defendants knew that the 4D Directors were not given notice of the scheduling or results of these meetings with Mr. Long. Fund Defendants deliberately concealed or failed to disclose any meetings they held with Mr. Long to the 4D Directors. Fund Defendants, through their respective Board directors, chose not to inform Plaintiff's Board Directors about these meetings so that Plaintiff would be unaware of their occurrence and would be unable to take a position on any of the actions Mr. Long, and Fund Defendants sought to perform.
- 133. Plaintiff, as 60% shareholder of Neon Machine and holder of three seats on its Board, was justified in relying upon Fund Defendants' silence. Griffin and Polychain were fiduciaries of Neon Machine and were obligated to follow Neon Machine's Bylaws, including with regard to Board meetings. Plaintiff was given no notice or information to suggest that these illicit meetings were occurring. Had Plaintiff been informed of the occurrence of these meetings,

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Plaintiff would have been able to participate in them, obtain information about the business and Plaintiffs' investment, and prevent or at least temper Defendants' harmful actions.

- of Neon Machine with the false stamp of Board majority approval, even though each of those actions and meetings were taken in violation of Neon Machine's bylaws. These actions included approval of additional SAFEs with Griffin in mid-2023. Further, when the Board sought to investigate the occurrence of the purported Network Launch, Fund Defendants obstructed the Board from launching such investigation—knowing the investigation could well result in their SAFEs being deemed unconverted at that time. And when the Board sought to retain professionals to raise new financing for Neon Machine, Fund Defendants ignored the Board's attempts, and sought with Mr. Long to cram through an inadequate equity investment that would accelerate the conversion of their SAFEs.
- financial and operational information about Neon Machine from Plaintiff's Board directors. Upon information and belief, Fund Defendants each knew or had reason to know that Mr. Long was deliberately excluding the other 4D Directors from important meetings and decisions about the fate of Neon Machine by the lack of notices being sent to the full Board and the 4D Directors' absence from these meetings. Rather than seek to inform their fellow Board members (and indeed the majority shareholder) about the operations and financials of Neon Machine, Fund Defendants facilitated the obstruction of Long and his team.
- 136. To this day, Fund Defendants refuse to engage with the 4D Directors in any way, except to attempt to obstruct legitimate Board oversight in Board meetings, and suggested at the January 12, 2024 Board meeting that they voted for and elected different directors sometime after the November 13, 2023 Board meeting. Given the lack of visibility to the full Board

regarding the financials and management at Neon Machine, and the ongoing public, material actions purportedly taken by Neon Machine, it appears Fund Defendants are continuing to authorize Manager Defendants' actions and operate the business with Mr. Long completely detached from Board knowledge or authorization.

- breaches of their fiduciary duties, Mr. Long and Manager Defendants, with Fund Defendants' endorsement, were able to engage in their bad acts without Plaintiff's knowledge or ability to halt them. Plaintiff was unable (and remains unable) to determine the status of its negotiated-for SHRAP Tokens. The 4D Directors have not been able to access (and remain unable to access) Neon Machine's vital financial and operational information. Plaintiff has been rendered unable to even discover, let alone take any action to prevent, Mr. Long's bad acts at Neon Machine. Plaintiff's equity in Neon Machine is now subject to significant dilution because of the agreements for future stock Mr. Long entered Neon Machine into with the approval of Fund Defendants but without notice or approval of the full actual Board. And now, Fund Defendants refuse even to acknowledge the 4D Board members' legitimate positions on the Board. Plaintiff has incurred substantial costs, including legal fees, to address Fund Defendants' breaches.
- 138. Plaintiff is entitled to recover from Fund Defendants, jointly and severally, actual, general, compensatory and consequential damages in an amount to be proven at trial but no less than \$10,000,000.

# (Breach of Fiduciary Duties of Loyalty and Care) (Against Manager Defendants)

139. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 138 herein above inclusive.

- 140. Manager Defendants, as managers, officers and/or directors of Neon Machine and persons otherwise in control of Neon Machine, owed fiduciary duties of care, disclosure and loyalty to the shareholders of Neon Machine, including the majority stockholder Plaintiff.
- Machine and its shareholders by—without notice to or consent of the full Board of Neon Machine—significantly diluting Plaintiff's equity by issuing unauthorized SAFEs, snatching up substantial amounts of SHRAP Tokens for themselves through the Token Giveaway, including by entering into the Token Subscription Agreements while knowing or having reason to know that Argon Foundation was a shell entity, and deliberately misrepresenting the nature of Plaintiff's own SHRAP Tokens.
- 142. To the extent Neon Machine is not subject to the same ownership, control and governance standards applicable to Neon Media and the extent the Manager Defendants exploited those differences for their personal benefit or to raise capital on terms that were not permissible under Neon Media's framework, the Manager Defendants breached their fiduciary duty of loyalty by, among other things, usurping a corporate opportunity that belonged to Neon Media.
- by misrepresenting the SHRAP Token capitalization to Plaintiff and withholding vital financial and operational information about Neon Machine from Plaintiff's Board directors. Mr. Long in particular entered into significant additional SAFE financing without notice to or consent of the Board; and conducted improper "Board meetings" without notice to Plaintiff's two directors. Upon information and belief, each other Manager Defendant worked directly with Mr. Long to cause these breaches.

- 144. As a result of Manager Defendants' breaches of their fiduciary duties, if not provided relief in this matter, Plaintiff will have been wrongfully induced into allowing the transfer of its subsidiary's valuable IP to Neon Machine for virtually no consideration. Manager Defendants' breaches have caused Plaintiff to receive no proceeds from Neon Machine, despite the millions of dollars and valuable IP Plaintiff provided to support Manager Defendants. Plaintiff has incurred substantial costs, including legal fees, to address Manager Defendants' breaches. Manager Defendants' refusal to recognize Plaintiff's rights in the face of the debts Plaintiff took on to fund their projects is a primary precipitator of the Plaintiff's bankruptcy.
- 145. Plaintiff is entitled to recover from Manager Defendants, jointly and severally, actual, general, compensatory and consequential damages in an amount to be proven at trial but no less than \$10,000,000.
- 146. Alternatively, Plaintiff is entitled to a declaration that the transaction addresses herein are void or voidable.

#### **COUNT V**

#### (Aiding & Abetting Breaches of Fiduciary Duty) (Against Foran, Lackaff, Nonis, Norbury, Yeend, Zhou)

- 147. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 146 hereinabove inclusive.
- 148. As established above, Mr. Long is the suspended CEO and former Board director of Neon Machine, at all relevant times owed fiduciary duties of care and loyalty to the shareholders of Neon Machine, including Plaintiff, and breached those fiduciary duties.
- 149. Each of Manager Defendants Foran, Lackaff, Nonis, Norbury, Yeend and Zhou had actual and/or constructive knowledge that Mr. Long was breaching his fiduciary duties. Upon information and belief, Defendants Foran, Lackaff, Nonis, Norbury, Yeend and Zhou worked with Mr. Long on a daily basis in developing the *Shrapnel* game and operating Neon Machine

while shutting Plaintiff out from all oversight of the company. Upon information and belief, Defendants Foran, Lackaff, Nonis, Norbury, Yeend and Zhou knew or should have known that Argon Foundation and Argon Corp. were shell entities created by Mr. Long because Neon Machine was responsible for the generation and distribution of SHRAP Tokens.

- 150. Therefore, Defendants Foran, Lackaff, Nonis, Norbury, Yeend and Zhou knowingly participated in Mr. Long's breaches by executing the Offer Letters and the Token Subscription Agreements, generating the contradictory February 2022 Cap Table and the Internal Cap Table, and withholding virtually all information about the financials and operations of Neon Machine while Mr. Long was seated on the Board.
- abetted by Defendants Foran, Lackaff, Nonis, Norbury, Yeend and Zhou, Plaintiff consented to the transfer of the *Shrapnel* IP to Neon Machine for virtually no consideration. Defendants Foran, Lackaff, Nonis, Norbury, Yeend and Zhou aided and abetted Mr. Long's breaches to ensure Plaintiff would receive no proceeds from Neon Machine, despite the millions of dollars Plaintiff provided to fund their work. Plaintiff has incurred substantial costs, including legal fees, to address Mr. Long's *ultra vires* actions and breaches of fiduciary duty. Mr. Long's refusal to recognize Plaintiff's rights in the face of the debts Plaintiff took on to fund their project is a primary precipitator of the Plaintiff's bankruptcy.
- 152. Plaintiff is entitled to recover from Defendants Foran, Lackaff, Nonis, Norbury, Yeend and Zhou, jointly and severally, actual, general, compensatory and consequential damages in an amount to be proven at trial but no less than \$10,000,000.

#### **COUNT VI**

## (Aiding and Abetting Breach of Fiduciary Duties of Loyalty and Care) (Against Fund Defendants)

- 153. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 152 hereinabove inclusive.
- 154. As established above, Mr. Long is the suspended CEO and former Board director of Neon Machine, at all relevant times owed fiduciary duties of care and loyalty to the shareholders of Neon Machine, including Plaintiff, and breached those fiduciary duties.
- Long was breaching his fiduciary duties. Upon information and belief, Fund Defendants routinely met and/or communicated with Mr. Long to the exclusion of 4D's other Board Members in 2022 and 2023, and continue to do so. Upon information and belief, Fund Defendants knew or should have known that Mr. Long was deliberately excluding the other 4D Directors from significant developments at Neon Machine.
- by holding invalid meetings and making invalid decisions with Mr. Long to facilitate his commandeering of Neon Machine. Then, when the Plaintiff appropriately and legally removed Mr. Long from its Board seat, Fund Defendants rejected the validity of his removal, and began to assert that the 4D Directors were not valid Board members themselves.
- 157. As a result of Mr. Long's breaches of his fiduciary duties, as aided and abetted by Fund Defendants, Plaintiff has incurred substantial costs, including legal fees, to address Mr. Long's *ultra vires* actions and breaches of fiduciary duty.
- 158. Plaintiff is entitled to recover from Fund, jointly and severally, actual, general, compensatory and consequential damages in an amount to be proven at trial but no less than \$10,000,000.

#### <u>COUNT VII</u>

## (Promissory Estoppel) (Against Manager Defendants)

- 159. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein by this reference each and every allegation set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 158 hereinabove inclusive.
- 160. In order to induce Plaintiff to agree to the transfer of the *Shrapnel* IP and entry into the SAFEs with Griffin and Polychain, Mr. Long made clear and unambiguous promises to Plaintiff that (1) it would maintain 60% control of equity in Neon Machine, (2) it would hold three of five seats on the Board that was subject to the same governance terms; and (3) it would receive SHRAP Tokens as holder of 60% equity in Neon Machine, in proportion to its equity.
- 161. Pursuant to the Recoupment Agreements, Manager Defendants made clear and unambiguous promises to Plaintiff that they would assign their dividends from Neon Machine to Plaintiff until Plaintiff was repaid for its Capital Contribution into Neon Media.
- 162. Plaintiff reasonably and justifiably relied to its detriment on Manager Defendants' promises in approving entry into the IP Transfer Agreement and the SAFEs and incurring substantial legal fees and other costs.
- 163. Manager Defendants' promises were hollow. By simultaneously arranging the Token Giveaway and setting up Plaintiff's equity interests in Neon Machine for future dilution without notice or authorization, Manager Defendants worked concertedly to ensure that Plaintiff would never receive a return on its investment. Meanwhile, each Manager Defendant has received massive payouts in SHRAP Token which they granted to themselves.
- 164. As a proximate and foreseeable result of Manager Defendants' promises as herein alleged, while Manager Defendants arranged a substantial giveaway to themselves, Plaintiff has not recovered any of its Capital Contributions to Neon Media and has incurred damages and lost opportunity costs proximately caused by Plaintiff's reasonable and justifiable reliance on

Manager Defendants' promises. Justice requires that Manager Defendants' promises to Plaintiff be enforced. Plaintiff is therefore entitled to actual, general, compensatory and consequential damages in an amount to be proven at trial but no less than \$10,000,000.

#### COUNT VIII

### (Declaratory Relief) (Against Defendants and Nominal Defendants)

- 165. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein by this reference each and every allegation set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 164 hereinabove inclusive.
- Plaintiff on one hand and Defendants on the other hand. Plaintiff contends, as stated above, that the parties agreed in exchange for the transfer of the *Shrapnel* IP to Neon Machine and the execution of the SAFEs with Griffin and Polychain, Plaintiff would be entitled to (1) receipt of SHRAP Tokens in direct correlation to Plaintiff's equity in Neon Machine; (2) assignment of Manager Defendants' rights to dividends in Neon Machine; and (3) three seats on the five-seat Board of Neon Machine. Plaintiff also contends that it would be inequitable and unjust if the integrated agreements surrounding the transfer of the *Shrapnel* IP were not enforced in accordance with their terms.
- 167. Defendants contest and dispute Plaintiff's contentions regarding the agreements and promises that induced Plaintiff to agree to the transfer of the *Shrapnel* IP and entry into the SAFEs with Griffin and Polychain.
- 168. The transactions entered into without Plaintiff's knowledge, as described in paragraphs 1-166 above, including but not limited to those entered into by Mr. Long in his alleged capacity as sole director, are void or voidable because they were undertaken without requisite corporate authority or approval. As a result, Plaintiff is entitled to a declaration that these transactions lack form or effect.

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169. This controversy is of sufficient immediacy to warrant judicial relief under the Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201-2202.

170. Plaintiff is entitled to a declaration that the agreements and promises set forth in this Complaint in connection with the transfer of the *Shrapnel* IP to Neon Machine are enforceable in accordance with their terms, that Plaintiff is entitled to receipt of the SHRAP Tokens in direct proportion to Plaintiff's equity interests, totaling 480,927,488 SHRAP Tokens as well as its pro rata share of the Managers' special 2021 distribution to "Founders", *i.e.* an additional 331,561,208 SHRAP Tokens, that Manager Defendants committed fraud and breached their fiduciary duties in violating the agreements and promises made to Plaintiff, that Fund Defendants committed fraudulent concealment and breached their fiduciary duties in concealing the occurrence of purported Board meetings and invalidly authorizing actions on behalf of Neon Machine pursuant to those meetings; and that such purported Board meetings were invalid and therefore any actions or directives taken by Mr. Long and Fund Defendants at such meetings were invalid and unauthorized. Notwithstanding the pleadings above, Plaintiff is entitled to a determination as to the appropriate allocation of SHRAP Tokens between Plaintiff and Defendants.

# COUNT IX (Conversion) (Against Manager Defendants)

- 171. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein by this reference each and every allegation set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 170 hereinabove inclusive.
- 172. Plaintiff has a legal right to its negotiated-for SHRAP Tokens. The SHRAP Tokens were promised to Plaintiff by Neon Machine, through Mr. Long, in proportion to Plaintiff's equity in Neon Machine. The promise of the SHRAP Tokens was a necessary condition to Plaintiff's approval of entry into the SAFEs and the transfer of the *Shrapnel* IP.

- 173. Manager Defendants wrongfully disposed of and converted Plaintiff's promised SHRAP Tokens as if they were their own. Despite Plaintiff's demands for distribution of its SHRAP Tokens, Manager Defendants refuse to distribute Plaintiff's SHRAP Tokens, and have made repeated misrepresentations to Plaintiff about the status of the tokens. Manager Defendants *now* take the position that there are *no SHRAP Tokens allocated to Plaintiff* at all. If there are in fact no SHRAP Tokens remaining to be distributed to Plaintiff, then Manager Defendants distributed to themselves SHRAP Tokens that should have been reserved for distribution to Plaintiff. Manager Defendants seized and used Plaintiff's interests in the available SHRAP Tokens at their whim.
- 174. As a result of Manager Defendants' unlawful withholding of Plaintiff's SHRAP Tokens, Plaintiff has received none of the SHRAP Tokens promised to it, and in general has been denied any returns on its multimillion-dollar investment.
- 175. Plaintiff is entitled to a judgment against Manager Defendants directing the return to Plaintiff of 480,927,488 SHRAP Tokens, as well as its pro rata share of the Managers' special 2021 distribution to "Founders", i.e., an additional 331,561,208 SHRAP Tokens.

## COUNT X (Fraudulent Transfer) (Against Nominal Defendant Neon Machine)

- 176. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 175 hereof, as if fully set forth herein.
- 177. A transfer made or obligation incurred by a debtor is fraudulent as to a creditor if the debtor made the transfer or incurred the obligation with actual intent to hinder, delay or defraud any creditor of the debtor. 6 Del. C. § 1304(a)(1).
- 178. Plaintiff is a "creditor" to Neon Machine, as the term is defined under 6 Del. C. § 1301(4). Neon Machine is a "debtor" to Plaintiff, as the term is defined under 6 Del. C.

§ 1301(6). Each Manager Defendant is an "insider" of Neon Machine, as the terms is defined under 6 Del. C. § 1301(7)(b).

- 179. On information and belief, Neon Machine was insolvent based on, at a minimum, its balance sheet showing negative shareholder equity at the time of the November 2021 transfer of the 552 million SHRAP Tokens to Manager Defendants.
- 180. Mr. Long approved the transfer of more than 552,602,013 SHRAP Tokens to Manager Defendants with actual intent to hinder, delay, or defraud Plaintiff. Manager Defendants intended to prevent Plaintiff from recovering its share of SHRAP Tokens. Manager Defendants granted the SHRAP Tokens to themselves, and then began representing to Plaintiff that its promised SHRAP Tokens did not belong to it.
- 181. As far as the Token Giveaway constituted dividends to Manager Defendants, Mr. Long willfully approved distributions of dividends in SHRAP Tokens to Manager Defendants in order to avoid paying Plaintiff amounts due to it under the Recoupment Agreements and otherwise as the majority stockholder of Neon Machine.
- 182. Plaintiff is entitled to a judgment against Manager Defendants directing the return to Plaintiff of 331,561,208 SHRAP Tokens, representing 60% of SHRAP Tokens distributed on account of equity, collectively from Manager Defendants.

# COUNT XI (Unjust Enrichment) (Against Manager Defendants)

- 183. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 182 hereof, as if fully set forth herein.
- 184. Manager Defendants have received more than 552,602,013 SHRAP Tokens by virtue of their control of Neon Machine, Argon Foundation, and Argon Corp.

- 185. Plaintiff, as 60% stockholder, was entitled to 60% of the Distribution, or 331,561,208 SHRAP Tokens.
- 186. By distributing the full amount of 552,602,013 SHRAP Tokens to themselves, each Manager Defendant took for themselves SHRAP Tokens intended for Plaintiff, and therefore were enriched at Plaintiff's expense. Plaintiff has a legal and equitable interest in the SHRAP Tokens being held by Manager Defendants.
- 187. Neither Manager Defendants nor Neon Machine have made any payments to Plaintiff to compensate for receiving any of the unauthorized SHRAP Tokens belonging to Plaintiff.
- 188. Equity requires Manager Defendants to return the 331,561,208 SHRAP Tokens to the Debtor.

## (Equitable Accounting) (Against Defendants and Nominal Defendants)

- 189. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 188 hereof, as if fully set forth herein.
- 190. Upon information and belief, Argon Foundation and Argon Corp. are Panamanian shell entities that were formed by Mr. Long to, among other things, conceal beneficial ownership of such entities and the fact that SHRAP Tokens were being generated and distributed by Neon Machine.
- 191. Upon information and belief, Manager Defendants were responsible for the classification, allocation and any other characteristics of the SHRAP Tokens, *not* Argon Foundation and Argon Corp.
- 192. At a hearing on December 13, 2023, the Bankruptcy Court directed Manager Defendants to comply with all information requests by the Debtors to enable them to

comply with the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules. Specifically, with respect to Bankruptcy Code sections 521 and 1190, the Debtors requested (and Manager Defendants failed to provide) detailed information regarding Plaintiff's stock value in Neon Machine and the value of its SHRAP Tokens, as well as documentation and an accounting of how these tokens were distributed amongst the stockholders of Neon Machine and the universe of holders of SHRAP Tokens.

- 193. Manager Defendants replied by directing Plaintiff to publicly-available and incomplete information.
- 194. Plaintiff therefore has good cause to believe that Manager Defendants have been using the Debtors' SHRAP Tokens to enrich themselves. Plaintiff also needs to determine what if any SHRAP Tokens are left for the estate from Neon Machine.
- 195. Manager Defendants have refused to recognize the authority of the Board of Neon Machine, or the authority of the Bankruptcy Court, and are actively obstructing Plaintiff from obtaining access to information regarding the SHRAP Tokens and equity in Neon Machine.
- 196. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law because it is impossible to ascertain the damage that Manager Defendants have caused through self-dealing and mismanagement without an accounting for their activity while managing Neon Machine and managing and/or controlling Argon Foundation and Argon Corp.
- 197. Accordingly, Plaintiff is entitled to an equitable accounting of the 3 billion SHRAP Tokens.

#### **CONCLUSION**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully prays for judgment against Defendants as follows:

a. On Count 1: a judgment in favor of Plaintiff and against Manager Defendants, pursuant to
 11 U.S.C. § 541(a) and 542(a), compelling (i) immediate turnover of (a) 480,927,488

- SHRAP Tokens to Plaintiff and, subject to the proviso above, (b) Plaintiff demands turnover of 331,561,208 SHRAP Tokens, and (ii) an accounting of the Total Network Tokens; (ii) an accounting of the Total Network Tokens; and (iii) to the extent Manager Defendants have sold any SHRAP Tokens that constitute property of the estate, a judgment in the amount of 60% of the proceeds received for those sales;
- b. On Count 2: a judgment in favor of Plaintiff and against Manager Defendants, jointly and severally, in an amount to be proven at trial but no less than \$10,000,000, or alternatively a declaration in favor of Plaintiff and against Manager Defendants that the transactions addressed in Count 2 are void or voidable;
- c. On Count 3: a judgment in favor of Plaintiff and against Fund Defendants, jointly and severally, in an amount to be proven at trial but no less than \$10,000,000;
- d. On Count 4: a judgment in favor of Plaintiff and against Manager Defendants, jointly and severally, in an amount to be proven at trial but no less than \$10,000,00, or alternatively a declaration in favor of Plaintiff and against Manager Defendants that the transactions addressed in Count 4 are void or voidable;
- e. On Count 5: a judgment in favor of Plaintiff and against Defendants Foran, Lackaff, Nonis, Norbury, Yeend and Zhou, jointly and severally, in an amount to be proven at trial but no less than \$10,000,000;
- f. On Count 6: a judgment in favor of Plaintiff and against Fund Defendants, jointly and severally, in an amount to be proven at trial but no less than \$10,000,000;
- g. On Count 7: a judgment in favor of Plaintiff and against Manager Defendants, jointly and severally, in an amount to be proven at trial but no less than \$10,000,000;
- h. On Count 8: a judgment in favor of Plaintiff and against Defendants declaring that:

- the agreements and promises set forth in this Complaint in connection with the transfer of the *Shrapnel* IP to Neon Machine are enforceable in accordance with their terms;
- 2. Plaintiff is entitled to receipt of the SHRAP Tokens in direct proportion to Plaintiff's equity interests, totaling 480,927,488 SHRAP Tokens;
- 3. Plaintiff is entitled to receipt of 331,561,208 SHRAP Tokens, its pro-rata share of the special 2021 Token Giveaway to Founders;
- 4. Plaintiff is entitled to a determination as to the appropriate division of SHRAP Tokens between Plaintiff and Defendants;
- 5. Manager Defendants committed fraud and breached their fiduciary duties in violating the agreements and promises made to Plaintiff;
- 6. Fund Defendants committed fraudulent concealment and breached their fiduciary duties in concealing the occurrence of purported Board meetings and invalidly authorizing actions on behalf of Neon Machine pursuant to those meetings; and
- Such purported Board meetings were invalid and therefore any actions or directives
  taken by Mr. Long and Fund Defendants at such meetings were invalid and
  unauthorized.
- On Count 9: a judgment in favor of Plaintiff and against Manager Defendants directing the return to Plaintiff of 480,927,488 SHRAP Tokens, as well as its pro rata share of the Managers' special 2021 distribution to "Founders", i.e., an additional 331,561,208 SHRAP Tokens;
- j. On Count 10: a judgment in favor of Plaintiff and against Manager Defendants directing the return to Plaintiff of 331,561,208 SHRAP Tokens, representing 60% of SHRAP Tokens distributed to Founders, collectively from Manager Defendants;

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- k. On Count 11: a judgment in favor of Plaintiff and against Manager Defendants directing the turnover to Plaintiff of 331,561,208 SHRAP Tokens;
- I. On Count 12: a judgment against all Defendants directing that they provide Plaintiff with an accounting of the 3 billion SHRAP Tokens;
- m. For reasonable litigation expenses and attorneys' fees; and
- n. Such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

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